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By House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Holmquist, Simpson, Curtis, Condotta, Dunshee and Darneille)

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing assistance in identifying fire
2 sprinkler system components that have been subject to a recall or
3 voluntary replacement program; and amending RCW 18.160.050.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.160.050 and 1990 c 177 s 6 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1)(a) All certificate of competency holders that desire to
8 continue in the fire protection sprinkler business shall annually,
9 prior to January 1, secure from the state director of fire protection
10 a renewal certificate of competency upon payment of the fee as
11 prescribed by the state director of fire protection. Application for
12 renewal shall be upon a form prescribed by the state director of fire
13 protection and the certificate holder shall furnish the information
14 required by the director.

15 (b) Failure of any certificate of competency holder to secure his
16 or her renewal certificate of competency within sixty days after the
17 due date shall constitute sufficient cause for the state director of
18 fire protection to suspend the certificate of competency.

1 (c) The state director of fire protection may, upon the receipt of
2 payment of all delinquent fees including a late charge, restore a
3 certificate of competency that has been suspended for failure to pay
4 the renewal fee.

5 (d) A certificate of competency holder may voluntarily surrender
6 his or her certificate of competency to the state director of fire
7 protection and be relieved of the annual renewal fee. After
8 surrendering the certificate of competency, he or she shall not be
9 known as a certificate of competency holder and shall desist from the
10 practice thereof. Within two years from the time of surrender of the
11 certificate of competency, he or she may again qualify for a
12 certificate of competency, without examination, by the payment of the
13 required fee. If two or more years have elapsed, he or she shall
14 return to the status of a new applicant.

15 (2)(a) All licensed fire protection sprinkler system contractors
16 desiring to continue to be licensed shall annually, prior to January 1,
17 secure from the state director of fire protection a renewal license
18 upon payment of the fee as prescribed by the state director of fire
19 protection. Application for renewal shall be upon a form prescribed by
20 the state director of fire protection and the license holder shall
21 furnish the information required by the director.

22 (b) Failure of any license holder to secure his or her renewal
23 license within sixty days after the due date shall constitute
24 sufficient cause for the state director of fire protection to suspend
25 the license.

26 (c) The state director of fire protection may, upon the receipt of
27 payment of all delinquent fees including a late charge, restore a
28 license that has been suspended for failure to pay the renewal fee.

29 (3) The initial certificate of competency or license fee shall be
30 prorated based upon the portion of the year such certificate of
31 competency or license is in effect, prior to renewal on January 1.

32 (4) The fire protection contractor license fund is created in the
33 custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from license and
34 certificate fees and charges or from the money generated by the rules
35 and regulations promulgated under this chapter shall be deposited into
36 the fund. Expenditures from the fund may be used only for purposes
37 authorized under this chapter and for providing assistance in
38 identifying fire sprinkler system components that have been subject to

1 either a recall or voluntary replacement program by a manufacturer of
2 fire sprinkler products, a nationally recognized testing laboratory, or
3 the federal consumer product safety commission. Assistance shall
4 include, but is not limited to, aiding in the identification of
5 recalled components, information sharing strategies aimed at ensuring
6 the consumer is made aware of recalls and voluntary replacement
7 programs, and providing training and assistance to local fire
8 authorities, the fire sprinkler industry, and the public. Only the
9 state director of fire protection or the director's designee may
10 authorize expenditures from the fund. The fund is subject to allotment
11 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required
12 for expenditures.

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